

Hello, members of the committee,
My name is Hannah Penney, I live in Topsham.
First, thank you all for serving our great state.

This bill is not good for Maine, and should be voted down by all our
lawmakers.

We trust you all to make laws that have Mainers best interest in mind,
that keep us safe, and keeps Maine thriving. This bill doesn't allow for
our youngest and most innocent to thrive.

I am 5 weeks postpartum from having my own baby. We spent 6 days
in the NICU at Maine Medical center where we saw parents fighting
for their babies to get better along side the drs, and nurses. Yet, drs
and nurses who take an oath to save life, would also take it. They
would take the lives of 3rd trimester babies, knowing that babies in
the early second trimester can and have survived outside the womb.

There is no such medical threat to a woman or her unborn baby that a
3rd trimester abortion would be necessary for lifesaving measures. A
full term, fully formed baby can be born via cesarean in the case a
mother would need the pregnancy to end. For the baby, it is wrong,
and misguided to think that taking its life is less cruel than having
them be born with some illness, or deformity, where they can then
recieve medical attention.

A third trimester abortion, or an abortion after 20 weeks, involves
crushing the skull of the fully developed baby, dismembering its
limbs, and extracting it out of the uterus. while early abortion may not
seem as gruesome, death is the still the reality of all abortion. There is
no logical reason we should allow LD 1619 to pass in Maine, it is not
medically necessary, and it certainly is not moral. If drs, mothers and
fathers are willing and able to put to death their full term baby who
could be born at any time and thrive outside the womb, where will it
end?! This bill is unsafe for the future of Maine, and our future
Mainers!

PLEASE VOTE "OUGHT NOT TO PASS"!!!